

## House Resolution 573

By: Representatives Stephens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, Bryant of the 160<sup>th</sup>, Gordon of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Day of the 163<sup>rd</sup>, and Carter of the 159<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Andrea Bowers Williams; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Andrea Bowers Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
3 state for the vital role that she has played in education and her deep personal commitment to  
4 the welfare of Georgia's youth; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is the beloved daughter of Deacon Clifton and Jamie B. Bowers  
6 and granddaughter of Mrs. Maggie H. Baker; and
- 7 WHEREAS, educated in the Savannah-Chatham County School System, Mrs. Williams  
8 graduated from Savannah High School at the age of 16 and earned a bachelor's degree from  
9 Savannah State College, before beginning her teaching career at Hancock Central High  
10 School in Sparta, Georgia, at the age of 19; and
- 11 WHEREAS, after teaching business courses and coaching cheerleading in Sparta, Mrs.  
12 Williams returned to Savannah to work at Liberty County Elementary School as a reading  
13 instructor; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams continued her own education while she shaped and inspired  
15 young minds by earning a master's and specialist degree in middle school education from  
16 Armstrong College; and
- 17 WHEREAS, during her years in education, Mrs. Williams served as assistant principal at  
18 Pooler Elementary School and principal at Garden City Elementary School, before  
19 challenging herself to lift up those students struggling the most by accepting her current  
20 position as principal of Spencer Elementary School, the only Needs Improvement School in  
21 Savannah-Chatham County; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams transformed Spencer Elementary inside and out, updating the  
23 building with fresh paint and the classrooms with new equipment, while hiring talented  
24 teachers and implementing an after-school tutoring program; and

25 WHEREAS, through the dedication, leadership, and commitment of Mrs. Williams, Spencer  
26 Elementary School has soared to new heights with the school seeing a major increase in  
27 grades, parent involvement, and grade promotion; and

28 WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams is united in love and marriage to Dean Williams, and she is  
29 blessed with a remarkable daughter, Janine, and a delightful grandson, Dobson; and

30 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience  
31 and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her determination to improve the quality of  
32 education for all Georgians have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues,  
33 students, and neighbors; it is abundantly fitting and proper that her outstanding  
34 accomplishments be appropriately recognized.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
36 the members of this body commend Mrs. Andrea Bowers Williams for her over three  
37 decades of efficient, effective, and unselfish dedication to the students of Georgia.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Andrea Bowers  
40 Williams.